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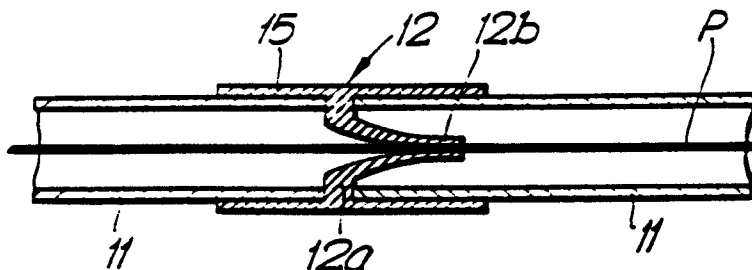
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(54) **Gas seal**

(57) A gas seal arrangement for use in a blown-fiber duct (11) which extends outside a building from within a building, the gas seal arrangement being inserted in a segment of said duct to prevent the flow of gas into the building via said duct (11) and being unidirectionally flexible, the arrangement comprising a connector (15) sealingly connected to respective blown-fiber duct portions on each side thereof, along which the transmission fiber (P) is disposed, the connector further comprising a flange portion (12a) and a flexible body portion (12b), the flexible body portion being arranged to collapse inwardly

around a transmission fiber (P) when the transmission fiber has been installed through said duct segment, the flexible body portion being arranged to open to permit gas flow outwardly from the building through said duct segment when the gas flow pressure exceeds a predetermined level, i.e. during the time when the fiber is blown into the duct, and wherein the flexible body portion extends along said duct segment when at rest and is arranged to form an elongate seal with the surface of an installed transmission fiber (P) resistant to opening to gas flowing inwardly.

Fig.2.



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